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Honored Lady Marsha Weidinger, Supreme Royal Matron
Sir Knight Bill Haas, Supreme Royal Patron
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SUPREME ROYAL MATRON H.L. Marsha Weidinger

Happy New year to all the members of our beautiful Order! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and made many happy memories.

Thank you to all who called or send words of encouragement and prayers regarding my total knee replacement on January 6th. The operation went well and I am doing well. I am grounded from travel at the moment as I have Physical Therapy but plan on being back on the road to visit your Grand Courts in February.

Our trifold for Supreme Council is in the works and should be out very soon. I hope you are making your plans to attend.

I have heard of several jurisdictions who are working on opening new courts. That is fantastic news! Let's continue to spread information about Amaranth and help it stay strong and growing. Each one of us can make a difference anywhere we are with just a word, action, or deed.



SUPREME ROYAL PATRON S.K. Bill Haas



SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON

H.L. Emily Moyer

Happy New Year, Honored Ladies and Sir Knights!

The beginning of a new year carries a quiet kind of magic. It arrives without fanfare in the small hours of the morning, yet it feels monumental—like a door opening onto a wide, unmarked path. The calendar flips, the numbers change, and suddenly possibility feels closer, brighter, and more real.

What makes a new year so exciting isn't that everything instantly becomes different. It's that we are given permission to imagine differently. The new year invites us to pause and ask questions we're often too busy to consider, questions about ourselves and our Courts. What do I want more of? What do I want out of my Amaranth membership? What no longer serves me? Who am I becoming? What direction is my Court heading? In a world that rarely slows down, this moment of reflection is a gift.

There's hope woven into the idea of beginning again. Even if the past year was difficult—perhaps especially if it was—the new year reminds us that nothing is forever. Growth is still possible. Change is still within reach. We are not defined solely by what didn't work, but by what we choose to try next.

The possibilities of a new year don't have to be dramatic or life-altering to be meaningful. They can be quiet and personal: choosing compassion more often, protecting your time, learning something new, or allowing yourself to rest without guilt. Sometimes the most powerful changes happen not through grand resolutions, but through small, consistent choices made with intention. Excitement for the new year also comes from the unknown. There will be moments we can't predict—conversations that shift our perspective, opportunities we didn't plan for, joys we haven't imagined yet. The future holds experiences we haven't lived, laughter we haven't shared, and lessons we haven't learned. That uncertainty isn't something to fear; it's something to welcome.

Perhaps the greatest promise of a new year is this: you don't have to have everything figured out. You only have to be willing to begin. To take the next step. To show up with curiosity instead of perfection, courage instead of certainty.

As the year unfolds, excitement doesn't come from knowing exactly how things will turn out. It comes from trusting that there is room to grow, space to dream, and time to try again. The new year is an open invitation to each of us—one that welcomes possibility and waits for us to answer.



H.L. Christin Kifer, GRM
S.K. Stephen Britton, GRP
Wisconsin



Go-Getters at the Grand
Court of North Carolina.
H.L. Jessica Walton, NJ
H.L. Shirley Naulty, PA
H.L. Kamin Burns, NC
S.K. Allan Wilkie, NC
H.L. Ange Malmquist, VA
S.K. Clancy Nidell, VA

H.L. Heidi Washam
2026-2027 Supreme Wisdom



H.L. Kamin Burns, GRM and S.K.
Allan Wilkie, GRP of North Carolina



H.L. Barbara Eccles, GRM
Illinois

Halloween Fun for
H.L. Joji Sayo, GRM
California and
S.K. Ernie Sayo, SAP
With their
granddaughters
Sera and Carys.



• Having fun at the Grand
Court of New Mexico!



Go-Getters at the Grand
Court of Alabama,
H.L. Brenda Campbell, TN
H.L. Shirley Naulty, PA
H.L. Dee Bennett, KY
H.L. Betty Bryan, AL
S.K. Brian Autrey, AL
H.L. Sharon Powell, LA
S.K. Keith Powell, LA





H.L. Emily with H.L. Betty Bryan, GRM and S.K. Brian Autrey, GRP Alabama

- Go-Getters at the Reception for H.L. Claudia Wilms, SAC.
- H.L. Veronika Altman, NY
- H.L. Shirley Naulty, PA
- H.L. Ange Malmquist, VA
- H.L. Jessica Walton, NJ
- S.K. Joe Herx, NJ



- S.K. Ernie and H.L. Joji Sayo



SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON

S.K. Ernie Sayo

It seems that time does fly. It's now 2026, start of the New Year, new goals, new activities, and getting closer to the next Supreme Session. I hope that everybody enjoyed the holidays and had some time to breathe, relax and celebrate Christmas and the New Year. I spent those times with my family and celebrated Christmas with one rule: simple and one gift for each family member except for the two young ones who were showered with gifts. The older of the two, my 5-year-old granddaughter Seraphine, was made to behave; constantly reminding her that Santa's helper is watching. This tactic worked on her, but the parents had to constantly move the "elf" who was supposed to be Santa's helper watching her moves and behavior.

January is here and next month the travel starts again starting with Virginia Grand Court Session and followed by California, my home turf. It will be a busy year, but I am looking forward to it, especially visiting other Grand Courts. What I enjoy the most on these trips is observing others, learning from them and making new friends. There's just so much to learn. I must admit though that in making friends, I cannot always remember names but hopefully with repeated association, it will happen. Besides, I'm grateful that I have my wife, Joji, who can remind me.

I know some people still make New Year goals, and I guess I am one of those. Mine is to have fun with my family (most especially my grandchildren), enjoy my travel and learning experience as SAP of our Order, make new friends wherever I go and try my best to stay healthy. The last part is the one that I anticipate would be the most difficult to achieve. The "having" fun part does not only apply to my family, but also in my association with others, both with members in different jurisdictions, and members of other Masonic bodies.

In closing, "Always be proud of the work you do, the person you are and the difference you make in the lives of others".

Wishing you all a Happy, Productive and Fun Year! God Bless.



SUPREME CONDUCTRESS

H.L. Hollie Dahm Stivers

Hi all, I cannot believe we have completed the calendar year 2025. For me, the best part of visiting Grand Courts and subordinate courts is getting to know so many of the members. You have all been so willing to chat with me and make me feel so welcome.

The Fascinators and Explorers are growing at a very rapid pace. We also have a new group of Honored Ladies and Sir Knights to our mix. We realize that going through the Local level and the Grand Line are not accomplished alone. So, we have a group of Top Hatters. These are loved ones who help us become the best version of ourselves.

October came with Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Illinois Grand Court. November we had a wonderful time in both New Mexico and Alabama Grand Court.

The first of February to the first of June are surely packed with Grand Courts. Please come up and say hello.

Those who know me know that I tend to listen to lyrics of songs and find something that truly resonates with me. One of those songs is sung by Michael Jackson – “Man in the Mirror.” It talks about making the world a better place. The lyrics that speak to me go like this:

I'm starting with the man in the mirror,
I'm asking him to change his ways
And no message could have been any clearer
If you wanna make the world a better place
Take a look at yourself and then make a change.



It is my goal to try to be a better person. It is not easy, but if I can make small improvements then at the end of my life it will hopefully equal a huge improvement.

Thank you, members, for all your love and support.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

H.L. Claudia Wilms

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every Sir Knight and Honored Lady along with their families a healthy and Happy New Year. May 2026 be a year filled with prosperity and good health for each of you.

As we begin 2026 may it be like opening a beautiful gift from under the tree. This new package comes with the anticipation of what the new year will bring to us. There may be many challenges which will lie before each of us. Will you meet these challenges head on? Are you anticipating opening a new court in your jurisdiction or are you concerned that your court may close? How we meet these challenges as a member is vital to the well-being of the Order of the Amaranth. Are you perhaps working with other members to come up with creative ideas to promote new membership or simply retain those you may not have seen in a while? As we look into the future, we need to prepare ourselves for change. The theology of change tells us that by the virtue of being created by a supreme being change will and does happen even in death. That is a true but powerful statement. It is here that we learn if we do nothing to promote growth the Order of the Amaranth will have a change happen that I am sure no one wants. The demise of our organization. There is a whole process we each go through before we accept the change that will happen. It is here that we can use our assets to form a change that we each will be satisfied with. We can brainstorm with others as to what has worked and what has been a failure. Seek the help of Grand Courts who have successfully brought in new members or formed new courts. Seek out new members by visiting our youth groups or other organizations. Perhaps working with other organizations to increase membership will be of benefit to both. We may have an opportunity to learn new ways of fundraising for ADF or simply to spread the word of who we are and what we do to find a cure for Diabetes.

As we look at this new package of time we have been given let us all actively utilize this gift to grow the Order of the Amaranth not just put it on the mantle to look at. Let's spread the precepts of Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity for we shall reap more than we shall sow through the joy we will each receive of the friends we have yet to meet as we travel far and wide for the good of our Order.

I hope you will join me and many others as we seek to make a positive change for the future of Amaranth.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

Susan Dishart

Amaranth Liaison

As we step into 2026, I want to personally **thank you** for standing with us in our fight to end diabetes. You are at the heart of everything we do. Your generosity supports vital research that leads to advancements in care, including the ***Standards of Care in Diabetes—2026*** (***Standards of Care***) from the American Diabetes Association® (ADA). This trusted resource provides critical guidelines to medical providers throughout the world.

“The Standards of Care is a vital part of the ADA’s efforts to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. It offers the trusted support needed for people living with diabetes and those caring for them while we continue to push toward a cure,”

- Charles “Chuck” Henderson, the ADA’s Chief Executive Officer

As we look ahead, 2026 brings exciting new updates, including:

- **Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) for all who benefit:** Recommended from diagnosis, not just for insulin users.
- **Easier access to insulin tech:** Restrictions removed for broader use of pumps and automated insulin delivery systems.
- **New cancer and transplant guidance:** Blood glucose (blood sugar) management during treatment.
- **Eating patterns:** Evidence supports Mediterranean-style and low-carb eating plans for type 2 diabetes prevention.
- **Expanded type 1 screening and monitoring guidance:** More guidance on screening and monitoring individuals at-risk for type 1 diabetes and use of technology.

If you or a loved one would like to know more about ways to care for people living with diabetes, please look at the ADA website: diabetes.org for more information. Or reach out to me at giving@diabetes.org and I will send along a pocket chart of the newest updates in care. You can also use that email address to order more copies of the research project brochures. Your work and support of important research projects join in the fight to find a cure. All of us at the ADA are deeply grateful for your support. I look forward to meeting you as I travel to the winter and spring courts!

AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H.L. Miranda Peruso, President

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we are heading into the second half of our Amaranth year and we are excited to see who is helping us to fight for a cure!

You may have seen pictures of our ADF Board members wearing red boxing gloves and sharing the gloves with our members in the jurisdictions that we visit. Our goal is to get even more photos of YOU wearing them at your Grand Courts, Official Visits and other events this spring! We will then add them to our social media pages using the hashtag **#fightingforacure**. Our partnership with the American Diabetes Association is stronger than ever and we want to feature you and showcase the gloves when we are in your jurisdiction!

As I mentioned in the fall, our Individual Distinguished Service Award has received a revamp! Each of our Unsung Hero nominees will automatically be considered for the IDSA. The ADF Board will review each nomination and select the one that highlights exemplary service for the ADF and the recipient will be recognized at Supreme Council next June. Grand Royal Matrons and Royal Matrons of SCJs, please be sure to nominate one of your members for the Unsung Hero. Unsung Hero nominations can be sent to HL Stephanie White at Steph94483@gmail.com. We look forward to recognizing a worthy individual this year for their commitment to finding a cure.

Please continue to use and promote our direct online donation link. Using this link when donating ensures that Amaranth receives credit for the gift. Each month, the report is reconciled and shared with the jurisdictions who have received gifts in the previous month and they receive credit. Here is the donation link for you to use: <https://donors.diabetes.org/page/Amaranth>. The ADF Board members also have cards that feature the link and a QR code for you to use to distribute to your members, community, or Masonic bodies. **If you need these cards or our new brochure, please contact adf_inc.board@amaranth.org and we will be sure to get them to you.**

Be sure to check out our Facebook page, ***Amaranth Diabetes Foundation***, for all the latest ADF news and information.

Here is the QR Code that takes you to the direct donation link:



The ADF Board looks forward to celebrating you and your jurisdiction's achievements this summer. Thank you for the difference you are making to find a cure!

GRAND COURT OF ALABAMA
H.L. Betty Cox, DSRM
Reporter

Happy New Year to All!! I bring you greetings from the Grand Court of Alabama. Our Grand Court Session in Eufaula, Al was a great success under the leadership of H.L. Julie Gilsdorf, Grand Royal Matron and S.K. Robert "Bob" Arrington, Grand Royal Patron. The Theme was "Moonlight and Roses", however, everyone enjoyed donning their favorite attire for the Banquet and Fun Night theme of "Mardi Gras". We were excited at the end of the Session to Install our new Corps of Officers with H.L. Betty Bryan as our new Grand Royal Matron and S.K. Brian Autrey as our Grand Royal Patron.

The new Officers of our Courts have been Installed and they have "Hit the Ground Running" as Alabama Court #1 has had a new Member .by Transfer and one of their Members has been Elected to our Grand Line, H.L. Jennifer Brack is our new Grand Associate Conductress. Montgomery Court #17 will be Initiating 4 New Members January 10th. The Court has monthly Social Dinners that they invite Non Members to and as you can see it really pays off for them. My own Court Mobile Court #7 has Initiated 4 New Members, Affiliated 1 New Dual Member, recently did a Courtesy Initiation for an Out of State Member who is going to become a Dual Member with our Court and I am told by our Royal Matron there are 2 more Petitions being turned in at our next Meeting for Initiation. We have all of our Stations Filled with the exception of Musician, any Volunteers?

Yes, Alabama Grand Court is Alive and Growing!! The Supreme Directory has the listing of our Grand Court Officers with Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers and E-mails, I am sure any of them would be happy to provide you with Court information if you come to

Alabama and each Court would love to have you visit.

GRAND COURT OF ALASKA
H.L. Victoria Ault, PSRM
Reporter

As usual, most of the Masonic bodies in Alaska held their elections and installations in December or January. Alaska Court No. 1 retained H.L. Sandy Thompson Wallace and S.K. Johnnie Wallace as Royal Matron and Royal Patron. H.L. Victoria Ault was elected Associate Matron, after several terms as Trustee, and S.K. Del Militare is again Associate Patron. H.L. Brenda Crothers, PGRM continues as a Trustee, doing a great job.

H.L. Sandy represented Amaranth at as many Installations as she could attend. She and H.L. Victoria cook dinners for Glacier Lodge No. 10 every month as well as York Rite, with help from other members. The dinners and recycling aluminum are two main money raisers for Court 1. H.L. Iris Crothers, PGRM spends much of Thursday driving to various businesses that save cans for us, as does S.K. Del. H.L. Sandy held a Pampered Chef party which raised some funds she donated to the Court.

Polaris Court No. 2 will be holding Installation January 17. H.L. Kate Stell and S.K. Jim LeFlore are remaining on the Throne. H.L. Shay Cogdill will be Conductress and H.L. Maddy Haddon, Associate Conductress. Weather up North has been very cold, windy and snowy. Fairbanks has had temperatures of -45 degrees and snow. Members of Alaska Court No.1 usually go up to help Polaris install but this year several will be helping Rainbow Assembly No. 13 in Anchorage with Rainbow Camp January 17-19.

April 14 and 17 are the dates GRM Wanda Pinion has established for her Official Visits to each Court. She is recovering from her severe fall in November. H.L. Diane Wood, Grand Associate Conductress is flying up from Idaho to attend.

GRAND COURT OF FLORIDA

H.L. Ann Marie Williams, DSRM

Reporter

Florida Grand Court members have been busy little bees traveling to various courts helping to be pro-tem officers. It's always nice that everyone helps out.

HL Beth, GRM and HL Helen Anderson, her traveling companion, had a whirlwind weekend. HL Beth cooked dinner for the Nile as a fund raiser for her home Court in Orlando, FL, followed by a quick trip up to Alabama Grand Court, then back on the road the next day to Jacksonville, FL where HL Beth was invited by the Grand Master of FL Masons for the laying of the Corner stone of the new Grand Lodge Building in Jacksonville, FL and ending up that night in Cocoa Beach, FL for the night. The next day on to Jupiter FL for an Official Visit. This trip began on Thursday and ended back home on Tuesday.

HL Ann Marie Williams, Grand Lecturer has concluded her inspections of the 13 Courts except she needed help by HL Judith Barnes, Sup. Com of Appeal and SK Ken Traverson, DSRP as pro-tems during her down time for recuperation from a knee procedure in October.

HL Beth and SK Chris are looking forward to their last Official Visit on February 6, followed by the School of Instruction the next day.

Florida is excited with the growth of new members with 5 new members at Acacia Court; 2 members at Daytona Beach Court;

Guelda Cress Court, 1 member with 2 petitions read.

Diabetes fundraisers – Suncoast Court with SK Ken Traverson taking a pie in the face and hair; Century Court held a Mid-Evil Time dinner; Harmony Court held a Quarter Auction, Treasure Coast will host a High Tea and Rush L Darby, will host an Antique Auction, both events upcoming in January.

Disco Ball Banquet honoring HL Margaret Woody, GAM and SK Sean Stenson, GRP – what a great fun evening. HINT: You won't recognize our GRP, SK Chris Van Duyne – he's the guy with the black curly wig

As we wind down Life is an Adventurer year, HL Beth Strayer, GR and SK Chris Van Duyne, GRP are looking forward to seeing many friends at their Grand Court Session on May 14-16, 2026, at the World Golf Village Renaissance, St Augustine Resort, St. Augustine, FL.



HL Beth Strayer, GRM and
SK Ken Traverson, DSRP



HL Beth Strayer, GRM and HL Helen Anderson
Laying of the Cornerstone Grand Lodge of FL, Jacksonville.



HL Beth Strayer, GRM and HL Cathy Edson
Century Court Mid Evil Times Banquet Fundraiser



HL Carol Stansbury, GAC, SK Chris Van Duyne, GRP
HL Beth Strayer, GRM, HL Margaret Woody, GAM,
SK Sean Stenson, GAP, HL Athena Mock, GC



SAC Reception Nov 25th Florida Delegation
HL Julie Guildsorf, PGRM-AL, HL Betty Cox, DSRM-FL
HL Ann Marie Williams, DSRM-NJ/Grand Lecturer-F

GRAND COURT OF ILLINOIS

H.L. Susan McKenney, DSRM Reporter

It's been a quiet winter for Illinois Grand Court. We had Installations in November. A couple of the courts have had and will be having Initiations. HL Barbara and SK Gene are gearing up for Official Visits. Our Official Visits will begin in April, and we look forward to visiting with our members. Advance Nights will begin in June. We know that HL Laura and SK Brian are excited and getting their plans in order for October. Some of us are also looking forward to the travel season starting up. We hope to see you all on the Amaranth Trail.

GRAND COURT OF INDIANA

H.L. Sandy Grogan Sills Reporter

Indiana has been busy doing lots of things. Our Grand Royal Matron HL Lynn Shoulders and Grand Royal Patron SK William Shoulders have been representing the Order of the Amaranth at many Masonic functions. HL Maggie Dewey Supreme

Wisdom has been very busy out traveling and representing Indiana. Many of our Grand Officers and others are traveling throughout the states. Please make sure to mark your calendar for Indiana Grand Court June 4-6 at the Seasons Lodge and Conference Center in beautiful Nashville, IN. Keep your eyes open for details as to when HL Maggie's reception will be held. Come early or stay late in Nashville enjoy some shopping and all the other things that southern Indiana has to offer. May this New Year bring love and joy to all Amaranth and Masonic bodies across this wonderful world. If you need any help in finding the information for Indiana Grand Court feel free to contact myself or any Indiana member and we will see that you get any information you need.

GRAND COURT OF OHIO

H.L. Donya Wright, PRM

Reporter

Happy New Year from the Grand Court of Ohio!

We held our Annual Christmas Party on December 7, 2025, at the North Olmsted Masonic Temple. Everyone that attended was in festive attire. H.L. Nancy Humberstone, Grand Marshal chaired the event.

We enjoyed entertainment from JR the Magician and a delicious Bob Evans Meal. There was a Chinese Auction for Scholarship Fundraising that netted \$282.00.

S.K. Darrell Miller, Grand Prelate was the auctioneer for the Court basket action for Grand Court Ways and Means that netted a profit of \$507.00.

A presentation to our Grand Royal Patron S.K. Robert Esarey of a hand painted Knight in shining armor from Temple Court. We even had snow for our rides home but not too bad. A good time was had by all!



H.L. Alice Maier, Grand Representative being fooled by JR the Magician



S.K. Darrell Miller, Grand Prelate serving as auctioneer



Members of Grand Court of Ohio in attendance with our Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Cheryl Richter front and center

GRAND COURT OF OKLAHOMA

H.L. Stacey Harris, DSRM

Reporter

🔥 **It's Hot Over Here!** 🔥

Looks like Oklahoma decided to turn up the heat as we rang in the new year! We were treated to record-breaking temperatures, with Christmas Day soaring into the 70s—definitely not your typical winter wonderland, but we'll take it!

Our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron can hardly believe it, but they are already halfway through their year. Official visits are complete, and now we're cruising right into installation season. Time really does fly when you're having fun!

As we welcome a brand-new year, we send warm wishes to all our friends. May your year ahead be happy, healthy, and filled with many wonderful moments. We can't wait to see everyone again very soon!

GRAND COURT TENNESSEE

H.L. Cindy Brooks, DSRM

Reporter

It was a busy and productive year for the Grand Court of Tennessee. Our Supreme Royal Matron, HL Marsha Weidinger, Supreme Royal Patron, SK Bill Haas, Supreme Page, HL Reba Dopkins, and Supreme Marshal in the East, HL Amy Jones, have traveled extensively, with other Tennesseans attending when possible. HL Amy and SK William Jones, our GRM/GRP, had their Homecoming (pictured) at Peace Court, where their daughter, HL Sammantha Ashley, is a first time Royal Matron. There is still one Official Visit left on January 31st, when Magnolia UD will be constituted, officers

installed and HL Amy will do her duties for her Official Visit.

We are all looking forward to our Grand Court in Gatlinburg on April 9 - 11. Details are now available on the Supreme website. We hope you can come celebrate with us.



GRAND COURT VIRGINIA

H.L. Jennifer Brooks, PRM

Reporter

Fall in Virginia was a beautiful time of the year, both for the weather and for Amaranth! In October we were represented at the North Carolina's Grand Court and enjoyed some fall silliness! In November our GRM Kim and GRM Ray attended The Grand Lodge of Virginia's Grand Annual Communication and enjoyed fraternity. Our Grand Lecturer held a wonderful Leadership Training Day with many members in attendance. We participated in several different fundraisers through the Subordinate Courts, as well as for Grand Court. Some were to raise money for our Ways and Means, but most were to raise money for our Diabetes Foundation. We are hoping to have a large donation total at our Grand Court!

We also spent time supporting our youth groups, at their meetings, Installations, and events. In Virginia we have DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls so we are

kept busy. One of the challenges that our GRM and GRP gave us this year was to grow our Order through a 'Spirit' challenge. As such, we also worked hard to attend and support our local Masonic Lodges. We attended their Installations, parties, and events as we are able. Our efforts have paid off as we have quite a few new members from these events!


In December we had a wonderful Christmas Party to celebrate the Season together, with games, fellowship, and of course, delicious food. All in all, this has been a glorious fall!

Winter in Virginia brings Subordinate Court Installations in January, and our Grand Court in Virginia Beach in February. We are all looking forward to these events and hope to see some of our out-of-state friends on the Amaranth Trail!



HL Billie Moe, Grand Conductress and HL Lisa Elliott, Grand Associate Conductress representing Virginia Amaranth at Virginia's Grand Annual Communication.

POLAR PLUNGE



Bring your swimsuit and Join
Virginia's Grand Court in our 2nd Annual Polar Plunge
for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation!

Friday, February 13, 2026
Approximately 30 minutes after the close of the
Afternoon Session of Grand Court at the
Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel

Willing Participants: Collect \$50 in donations to register.
Want to encourage someone else to take the plunge? Collect
\$50 to sponsor an individual. Sponsored individuals may "opt
out" by collecting \$50 in matching donations.

All proceeds will benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.
An EMT will be onsite for safety measures.

Submit names and donations to our
Diabetes Coordinator: HL Andrea Baez
703-609-2859 or andleighbaez@gmail.com
Payment can be made in advance or at Grand Court

Raising money for diabetes at Virginia's Grand Court!

GRAND COURT WISCONSIN

H.L. Larissa Hermans, GC Reporter

Greetings from the Grand Court of Wisconsin!!!!

Wisconsin has a busy and exciting year ahead of bringing awareness of what our order is about and who we are! H.L. Christin Kifer and S.K. Stephen Britton have made it their goal this year to bring awareness of our order and the amazing things we do with our philanthropic project!

This year we are doing Battle of the Badges! Firefighters, S.K. Stephen Britton, Grand Royal Patron, versus the Police officers, H.L. Amanda Grunewald, Grand Associate Conductress! This project is being used as a fundraiser for Diabetes! Donate to the person you want to win! The loser will get dunked at our Grand Court Session in October! You are able to send in checks to the Grand Secretary,

written to the Grand Court of Wisconsin and in the memo line state for battle of the Badges and for police or fire.

Come and disappear with us to a magical place where unbirthdays are celebrated every day, where everyone is mad here and drinking tea! We this year are hosting a Mad Hatter's tea party on March 7th, 2026, with proceeds going to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

We are also working towards the esteemed honor of hosting Queen Christina's Table Lodge. This is something that is new to being done in Wisconsin, but it is our honor and pleasure to host this event as an educational and awareness event for all members of not only Amaranth but also all other Masonic bodies!

This year H.L. LuAnn Hansen is helping us in a truly Wisconsin fashion and is selling krignles as she travels to the various Grand Courts! Please do not hesitate to reach out to H.L. LuAnn Hansen for where she is traveling and the cost of the amazing delicious krignles.

We look forward to seeing everyone along the Amaranth Family Trail!!!!



**Enchanted Mountains Lodge #252, Free Masons
Hamilton Court #2, Order of the Amaranth**

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**THE TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL
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Supreme Itinerary		
February 2026		
February 12-14	Grand Court of Virginia	SRM
February 19-21	Grand Court of Colorado	SRM
February 21-22	Grand Masters Conference	SRM
February 26-28	Grand Court of California	SAM
February 26-28	Grand Court of South Carolina	SRM
March 2026		
March 12-14	Grand Court of Oregon	SAC
March 13	Lily of the Valley Court #12	SRM
March 16	Heritage Court #13	SRM
Marh 19-21	Grand Court of Washington	SC
March 19-21	Grand Court of Georgia	SRM
March 26-28	Grand Court of Connecticut	SRM
April 2026		
April 9-11	Grand Court of Tennessee	SRM
April 9-11	Grand Court of Kentucky	SAC
April 16-18	Grand Court of Arkansas	SRM
April 19-21	Grand Court of Pennsylvania	SRM
April 23-25	Grand Court of Missouri	SAM
April 23-25	Grand Court of Massachusetts	SRM
April 30-May2	Grand Court of New Jersey	SRM
May 2026		
May 7-9	Grand Court of Arizona	SRM
May 10-12	Grand Court of the Philippines	SRM
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